

PATENT

HP Docket No.: 200208213-1

App. Serial No. 10/628,291

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claims 15-17, 23, 24, and 33-39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-14, 18-22, and 25-39 are currently pending, of which claims 1, 19, and 29 are independent.

Claims 33-39 were rejected under nonstatutory double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-45 of the '897 Patent (6,813,897).

Claims 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Budelman (5629608) in view of AAPA (Applicant's Admission of Prior Art).

Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Budelman in view of AAPA and further in view of Bavaro et al. (4,974,272).

Claims 38-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Budelman in view of AAPA and further in view of Blair et al. (6,700,351).

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 1-14, 18-22, and 25-32 is appreciated.

To expedite the prosecution of the present application, Claims 33-39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Thus, their rejections under nonstatutory double patenting and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are moot. The remaining Claims 1-14, 18-22, and 25-32 are those claims that the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application with pending Claims 1-14, 18-22, and 25-32 are allowable.

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Conclusion


In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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